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RAJYA SABHA

Inquiry into Ahmedabad Test Match of 1999

†3937. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the captain found guilty in cricket match-fixing and banned from playing cricket for life, has demanded an inquiry into Ahmedabad test match, played in the year 1999; if so, whether Government would conduct an inquiry into it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government are considering to enact any legislation to treat match-fixing in cricket as a serious offence and provide for punishment for the same; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No such request has been received.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Government is reviewing the existing laws and exploring the possibility of bringing suitable amendments to deal with instances of match-fixing and betting in sports effectively.

Lack of Sports Policy

†3938. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that youths of the country are losing interest in sports in the absence of a specific sports policy in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that new talents are not entering the sports due to improper development of sports, in the absence of a policy; and
- (c) if not, what is Government's reaction thereto?

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